

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning



Scoping Meeting Notification

Date: June 4, 2007

Project Title: The Del Valle Project

Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. TR060665, Conditional Use Permit No. RCUPT200600014, Environmental No.

RENVT200600014, Oak Tree Permit No. ROAKT200600007, Zone Change No ZC03-382

Applicant: Del Valle Land Company, LLC

The Los Angeles County Regional Planning Department has conducted an Initial Study for the subject project and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is necessary. The purpose of the EIR is to provide an evaluation of the physical changes to the environment and impacts that would result from the proposed project. The County of Los Angeles will be the Lead Agency for the project and will be responsible for the EIR preparation. In order for the concerns of responsible and trustee agencies, adjacent jurisdictions, other public agencies, groups and individuals to be incorporated into the Draft EIR, we need to know your views and recommendations regarding the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to the proposed project.

A Scoping Meeting will be held to solicit suggestions from the public as to the content of the EIR that is being prepared. This meeting will be held at the Val Verde Community Center, Val Verde Community Regional Park 30300 West Arlington Road, Val Verde, CA 91384 (Tel: 661-257-4014) on June 20, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A formal presentation will be made from 6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. regarding the environmental review process for the proposed project along with a description of the proposed project, after which public input will be taken regarding the environmental analyses and alternatives that the public believes should be incorporated into the environmental impact report.

The proposed project is an application for a Tentative Tract Map for development of 111 detached single-family condominium units and associated infrastructure on one lot. The proposed project site contains five active petroleum extraction sites that will remain. The project would be served by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36 and Sanitation District #32. Project entitlements requested include an Oak Tree Permit for removal of about 27 oak trees, a Conditional Use Permit for development within a Hillside Management Area, and a Zone Change from A-2-1 to A-1-1. The applicant is also requesting abandonment of all County easements for drainage purposes. Hasley Canyon Road and Del Valle Road are offered for street dedication. A storage water tank is proposed.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR has been distributed requesting written comments regarding the scope and content of environmental analysis to be included in the EIR. Written responses to the NOP can be provided at the **June 20, 2007** scoping meeting, and can be sent to: Rick Kuo, County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, Impact Analysis Section, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012-3225; Telephone: (213) 974-6461; Fax (213) 626-0434. Written comments on the NOP will be accepted by the County through **July 3, 2007** at 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the NOP are available for public review through **July 3, 2007** on the Department of Regional Planning website http://planning.co.la.ca.us/case.htm as well as at the following libraries:

County of Los Angeles Valencia Public Library 23743 W. Valencia Blvd. Santa Clarita, CA 91355 Newhall Public Library 22704 West 9th Street Newhall, CA 91321

Canyon Country Jo Anne Darcy Public Library 18601 Soledad Canyon Road Canyon Country, CA 91351 Culver City, CA 90230





LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

DATE: June 4, 2007

PROJECT TITLE: Del Valle

Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. TR060665; Conditional Use Permit No. CUPT200600014 for grading, hillside management; Environmental No. RENVT20060014; Oak Tree Permit No.

ROAKT200600007 for removal of about 27 oak trees.

LEAD AGENCY: Rick Kuo

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PROJECT APPLICANT: Del Valle Land Company, LLC

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The County of Los Angeles is the lead agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. In compliance with Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the County of Los Angeles is sending this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to each responsible and federal agency, and interested parties involved in approving the project, and to trustee agencies responsible for natural resources affected by the project. Within 30 days after receiving the NOP, each agency shall provide the County of Los Angeles with specific written details about the scope and content of the environmental information related to that agency's area of statutory responsibility. The purpose of this NOP is to solicit the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory authority with respect to the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering approval of applicable permits for the proposed project.

The review period for the NOP will be from June 4 to July 3, 2007. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be received by our office at the earliest date possible,

but not later than July 3, 2007. Please direct all written comments to the above address. In your written response, please include the name of a contact person in your agency.

The County of Los Angeles is soliciting input based on your views and opinions concerning the scope of the EIR for the proposed project. To facilitate your review, the following materials are attached:

- ➤ Regional Location Map (Figure 1)
- ➤ Local Vicinity Map (Figure 2)
- ➤ Project Site Plan (Figure 3)
- ➤ 500-foot Radius Land Use Map (Figure 4)
- ➤ Initial Study (Attachment A)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project consists of the development of 111 detached condominium units, an internal roadway system (with adjacent equestrian and hiking trails), and associated landscaping on a 134.2-acre parcel. The proposed design would integrate a range of residence sizes that recognize the location and existing topography of the site and the surrounding land uses. The units would have access from their internal street networks connected to Del Valle Road (which runs through the middle of the site) and Hasley Canyon Road from the north.

The project site contains five active petroleum extraction sites that would remain. The proposed project would be served by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District #36 and Sanitation District #32. Project entitlement requests include a zone change from A-2-2 to A-1-1 DP; a conditional use permit to address hillside management and development program regulations; and an oak tree permit to allow for the removal and encroachment of about 27 oak trees (including one Heritage Oak). The project also proposes the realignment of master planned highways (Del Valle & Hasley Canyon) and the abandonment of certain County drainage easements. The proposed project would include approximately 3.4 million cubic yards of earthwork balanced onsite with grading encompassing all 134 acres. A water storage tank for dedication to the Water District is also proposed on the site. The site plan for the proposed project is included in Figure 3.

PROJECT LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The project site is located in an undeveloped portion of unincorporated Los Angeles County in the Santa Clarita Planning Area; the southern portion of the site is located in the community of Val Verde, the northern portion (east and west of Del Valle Road) is located in the Castaic community. The site, which consists of approximately 134 acres, is located south of the Hasley Canyon Road/Del Valle Road intersection, and is east and west of Del Valle Road. The City of Santa Clarita is located 1.5 miles to the southeast and the I-5 Golden State Freeway is located about 1.25 miles east of the project site. Homes in the community of Val Verde are located about 1/4 mile southwest of the site.

The site is located in a developing area that contains residential, commercial, industrial and rural uses. The site is bordered by Hasley Canyon Road to the north, vacant land to the west and south and industrial uses associated with the Valencia Commerce Center, currently under construction to the east. Two residential projects are proposed on the vacant land to the immediate west (VTTM 066190 – 85 units) and south (VTTM 060257 – 233 homes, 50,000 square feet of commercial and recreational facilities and VTTM 062000 – 19 homes) of the site. An approved residential project with a golf course (VTTM 52584) is located immediately north of Hasley Canyon Road across from the site. In addition to the Val Verde residential community located to the south, residential uses are also located approximately ½ mile to the east, about one mile to the north and about one mile to the northwest. The Valencia Commerce Center and other commercial and industrial uses are located to the east. Vacant lands are located further to the north and to the south. Figure 1 shows the regional location. The project vicinity is shown in Figure 2.

Current Tract Map

Current Land Use Designation: Hillside Management (HM), Floodway/Floodplain (W),

Non-Urban (N2), and Industry (M) under the Santa

Clarita Valley Plan.

Current Zoning: A-2-2 (Heavy Agricultural – Two Acre Minimum Size

Lot Requirement)

Proposed Tract Map

General Plan Amendment: No change.

Zone Change: A-1-1 (Light Agricultural – One Acre Minimum Size

Lot Requirement)

Conditional Use Permit: For grading, and hillside development.

Oak Tree Permit For removal of 27 Oak trees.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO BE ANALYZED

The County of Los Angeles, as the lead agency, has identified in the Initial Study (see Attachment A) that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be required. A summary of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project is presented in Table 1 below:

TABLE 1
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS OVERVIEW

Checklist Issue	Potential Significant Impacts/Issues for Analysis
HAZARDS	
Geotechnical	Liquefaction and landslide hazards, hillside development
Flood	Portion of project site lies within designated waterway. Tributary of Hasley Canyon runs through site. Flood hazard.
Fire	Project site is located within Fire Zone 4. Five petroleum extraction sites exist on the site and will remain.
Noise	Construction and operation of the proposed development would potentially increase ambient noise levels.
RESOURCES	
Water Quality	Construction (grading) can affect surface water quality of local streams and rivers; urban runoff
Air Quality	Construction and traffic from development would increase air pollutant emissions; approximately 3.4 million cubic yards of grading proposed
Biota	3.4 million cubic yards of grading proposed on relatively undisturbed site. Flora and fauna resource impacts; Heritage Oak Tree removal
Cultural	Oak and tributary drainage course. Potential archaeological sensitivity; Cultural Survey report will be developed
Mineral	Portion of the site located within the Hasley Canyon Oil Field
Agricultural	No impact
Visual	Landform change from grading, site in close proximity to Hasley Canyon Trail
SERVICES	
Traffic/Access	Construction and operational impacts from additional 111 residential homes in area, possible cumulative traffic impacts
Sewer	Potential capacity issues for Sanitation District No. 32.
Education	Potential capacity issues for William S. Hart and Castaic Union School Districts.
Fire/Sheriff	Potential capacity issues for fire and sheriff's stations
Utility/Other	Potential capacity issues (LA County Waterworks District #36); water supply assessment (SB610) required
OTHER ISSUES	
General	Change in road circulation could disrupt local communities.
Environmental Safety	Val Verde community located adjacent to site. Site contains a portion of Hasley Canyon Oil Field.
Land Use	Hillside Management.
Population/Recreation	Proposed project may create a need for recreational facilities.
Mandatory Findings	Project has the potential to significantly affect traffic, biota, air quality, and water quality

Other Issues

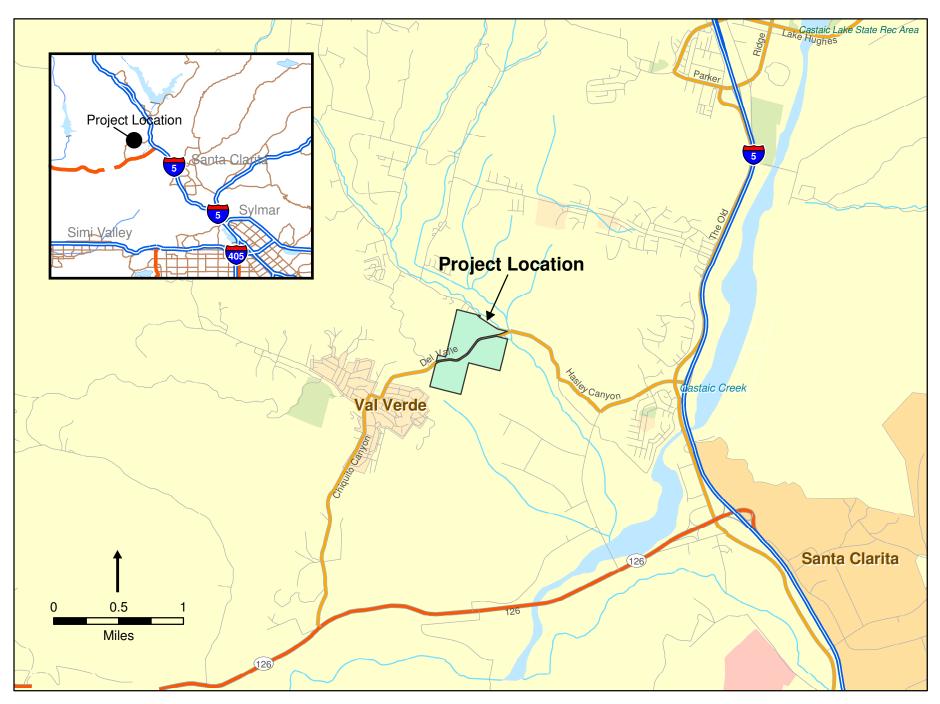
As proposed, 27 Oak trees would be removed from the site. The Preliminary Oak Tree Report¹ prepared for the proposed project indicated that one Heritage Oak Tree would be removed to allow project grading to occur. An Oak tree replacement program is proposed and it consists of a minimum of two 15-gallon Oak specimens that measure at least 1" diameter on a multiple tree trunk. The Heritage Oak tree shall be replaced with a minimum of ten (10) 15-gallon Oak specimens

A portion of the site is located within the Hasley Canyon Oil Field. Additionally, five petroleum extraction sites that exist on the site would remain under the proposed project.

The EIR will discuss Green Building Concepts.

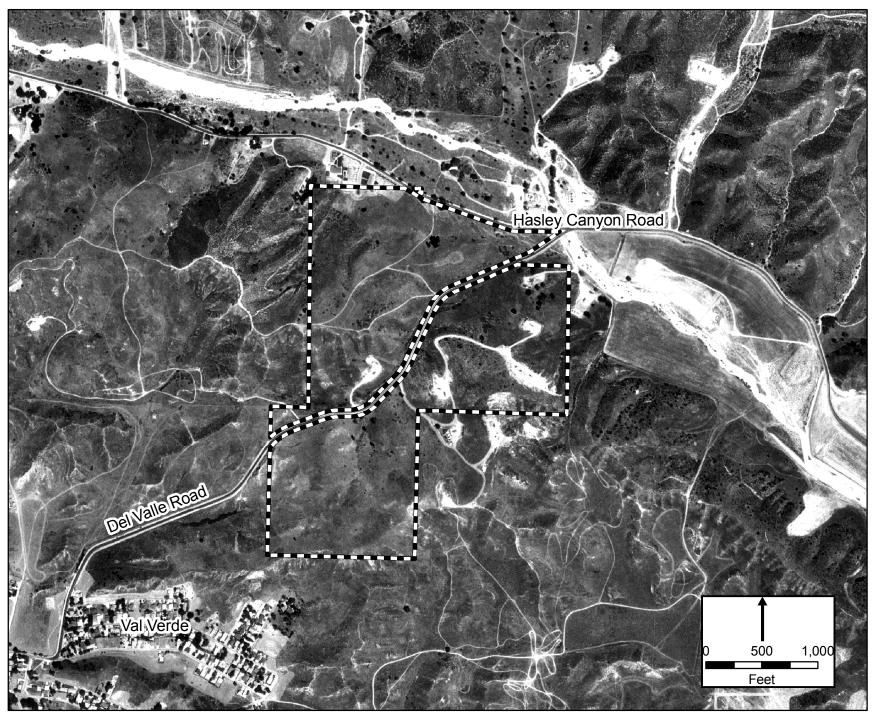
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¹ L. Newman design Group, Del Valle Preliminary Oak Tree Report, January 16, 2006



Source: ESRI StreetMap USA, Sirius Environmental, 2007

Del Valle NOP Figure 1. Regional Location Map



Source: USGS 1994, Sirius Environmental, 2007

Del Valle NOP Figure 2. Project Location Map



Figure 3. Site Plan

Legend SCAG 2005 Land Use

Rural Residential
High Density

Rural Residential Low Density

Mineral Extraction,
Oil and Gas

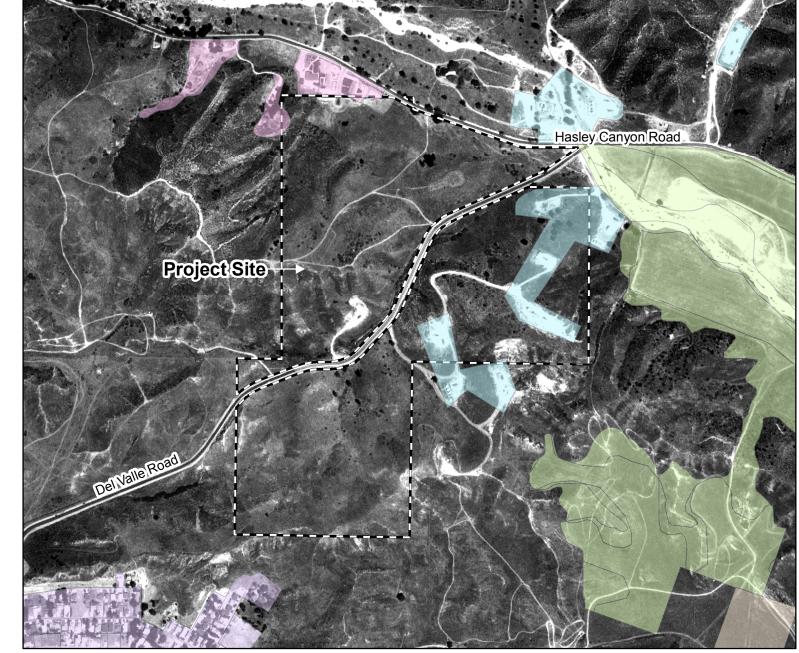
Wholesaling and Warehousing

Under Construction --Light Industrial

1,000

No Shading --Vacant Undifferentiated

Feet



Under Construction — Rural Residential

Source: SCAG Land Use Data 2005, USGS 1994, Sirius Environmental 2007

Del Valle NOP

Figure 4. 500-Foot Radius Land Use Map





ATTACHMENT A

County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning Initial Study

STAFF USE ONLY



PROJECT NUMBER: <u>TR060665</u> CASES: <u>RCUPT200600014</u>

RENVT200600014 ROAKT200600007 ZC03-382

**** INITIAL STUDY ****

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

GENERAL INFORMATION

I.A. Map Date: <i>January 13, 2006</i>	Staff Member: Rick Kuo
Thomas Guide: <u>4459 D5, D6, E5, E6</u>	USGS Quad: Val Verde
Location: South and southwest of the Hasley Canyon	Road/Del Valle Road intersection, Val Verde Park
Description of Project: The proposed project is an a	pplication for a Tentative Tract Map to subdivide the
subject property into three lots to build 111 deteached s	single-family condominium units and one infrastructure
lot. The proposed project site contains five active pe	troleum extraction sites that will remain, and will be
served by the Los Angeles County Waterworks District	#36 and Sanitation District #32. Project entitlements
requested include an Oak Tree Permit for removal of 2	7 oak trees, a Conditional Use Permit for development
within a Hillside Management Area, and a Zone Chan	ge from A-2-2 to A-1-1, Local Plan Amendment from
N2, HM, M, and W to U1, U2, U3, C, and W. The app	plicant is also requesting abandonment of all County
easements for drainage purposes. Hasley Canyon Roa	d and Del Valle Road are offered for street dedication.
A storage water tank is proposed.	
Gross Area: 134.2 acres	
Environmental Setting: <u>The project site is located w</u>	ithin the County's unincorporated area of Val Verde
Park, with Hasley Canyon Road bordering to the north	, I-5 Freeway to the east, SR-126 to the south, and the
community of Val Verde to the west. Surrounding land	d uses consist of the Valencia Commerce Center and
commercial and industrial lands to the east, residentia	al communities to the northeast, west, and southwest,
and vacant land to the north and south. Two new sub	division projects (TR60030 and TR60257) have been
proposed immediately south and west of the project.	There are five oil extraction sites on-site. Several
sensitive species are known in this area including the	San Fernando Valley Spineflower, Slender-horned
Spineflower, and the Slender Mariposa Lily. Site topo	graphy ranges from flat land to steep slopes.
Zoning: <u>A-2-2 (Heavy Agriculture)</u>	
General Plan: <u>Category R : Non-urban</u>	
Community/Area Wide Plan: <u>N2, HM, M, W (SCVA</u>	GP)

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Major projects in area:

Project Number Description & Status 87-060/PM18568 Valencia Commerce Center (Approved 11/25/87). TR53295/RENVT200400096 3,230 sf units and 3 million sq. commercial development (Pending). 00-196/TR53108 River Village Project (1st phase of Newhall Specific Plan) (Pending). 209 sf & 1 golf course lots on 432 acres (Approved 2/6/02). 98-034/TR52584 94-087 Newhall Ranch Specific Plan (Approved). 03-328/TR60030 21 industrial lots of 1.5 mill sq. ft. of industrial space (Approved 9/7/04). 03-250/TR60257 244 sf, 3 mf, 1 commercial, 1 park, and 9 open space lots (Pending). <u>87-331</u> 184-space mobile home park (Inactive since submittal of application).

NOTE: For EIRs, above projects are not sufficient for cumulative analysis.

REVIEWING AGENCIES

Responsible Agencies	Special Reviewing Agencies	Regional Significance
None	□ None	None
□ Regional Water Quality Control Board	U.S. Forest Service	⊠ SCAG
	☐ City of Santa Clarita	□ AQMD
☐ Lahontan Region	□ DTSC	
Coastal Commission		Santa Monica Mtns Area
∑ Caltrans	SCOPE CA State Dept of Conservation	County Reviewing Agencies
Trustee Agencies	SC Valley Historical Society Val Verde Civic Association	
None	Castaic Area Town Council Castaic Lake Water Agency	DPW: <u>Geotech & Materials</u> Engineering, Waterworks, Traffic
State Fish and Game	✓ Valencia Water Company✓ Metro Water Dist. of So. Cal.	& Lighting, Land Development (Drainage & Grading,
State Parks		Transportation Planning)
<u>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</u>	Native American Heritage Comm. Ventura County Planning Dept.	Health Services: <u>Environmental Hygiene</u>
	William S. Hart Union HSD Castaic Union School District	Fire Dept., Sheriff's Dept.
	Friends of the Santa Clarita Riv.Center for Biological Diversity	Parks & Recreation
		Sanitation Districts

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	ANALYSIS SUMMARY (See individual pages for details)						
IMPACT ANA	ALYSIS MATRIX		T	*****		Less than Significant Impact/No Impact	
					L	ess than Significant Impact with Project Mitigation	
						Potentially Significant Impact	
CATEGORY	FACTOR	Pg				Potential Concern	
HAZARDS	1. Geotechnical	5			Ø	Liquefaction	
	2. Flood	6			図	Flood hazard	
	3. Fire	7			図	Fire Zone 4, limited water supply	
	4. Noise	8			M	Industrial development adjacent to project site.	
RESOURCES	1. Water Quality	9			図	Significant grading, urban runoff	
	2. Air Quality	10			Ø	Project exceeds thresholds of significance	
	3. Biota	11			X	Spineflower, mariposa lily	
	4. Cultural Resources	12			Ø	Oaks, undisturbed area	
	5. Mineral Resources	13			Ø	Hasley Canyon oil field	
	6. Agriculture Resources	14	\boxtimes		П		
	7. Visual Qualities	15			\boxtimes	Significant change of landform	
SERVICES	1. Traffic/Access	16			\boxtimes	Regional threshold	
	2. Sewage Disposal	17			\boxtimes	Sufficient capacity to be demonstrated	
	3. Education	18			\boxtimes	Increased demand for educational facilities	
	4. Fire/Sheriff	19			M	Sufficient capacity to be demonstrated	
	5. Utilities	20			\boxtimes	Sufficient water supply to be demonstrated	
OTHER	1. General	21	\boxtimes			Change in road circulation	
	2. Environmental Safety	22			図	Hasley Canyon oil field	
	3. Land Use	23			\boxtimes	Zone change	
	4. Pop./Hous./Emp./Rec.	24		\boxtimes		Sufficient recreation facilities to be provided	
	Mandatory Findings	25			\boxtimes	Traffic, biota, cumulative impacts, etc.	
As required the environr 1. Develo 2. Yes	mental review procedure as property procedure as property procedure as property procedure as pro	enèrai rescri n: <u>No</u> d in th r San n den	l PÍa bed <u>n-ur</u> e A ta C sity	by <u>ban</u> ntel lari and	state hills ope ta V	<i>vide</i> Valley, East San Gabriel Valley, Malibu/Santa	
If both of th	e above questions are answ	ered	"ye	s",	the	project is subject to a County DMS analysis.	
	if DMS printout generated (at	ache	d)				
Date of	Date of printout: February 23, 2006						
	if DMS overview worksheet co taff reports shall utilize the most cur						

FINAL DETERMINATION: On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Regional Planning finds that this project qualifies for the following environmental document: NEGATIVE DECLARATION, inasmuch as the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was determined that this project will not exceed the established threshold criteria for any environmental/service factor and, as a result. will not have a significant effect on the physical environment. MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, inasmuch as the changes required for the project will reduce impacts to insignificant levels (see attached discussion and/or conditions). An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was originally determined that the proposed project may exceed established threshold criteria. The applicant has agreed to modification of the project so that it can now be determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the physical environment. The modification to mitigate this impact(s) is identified on the Project Changes/Conditions Form included as part of this Initial Study. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT*, inasmuch as there is substantial evidence that the project may have a significant impact due to factors listed above as "significant." At least one factor has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to legal standards, and has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on the attached sheets (see attached Form DRP/IA 101). The EIR is required to analyze only the factors not previously addressed. Reviewed by: Rick Kuo Approved by: Darvl Koutnik This proposed project is exempt from Fish and Game CEQA filling fees. There is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have potential for an adverse effect on wildlife or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. (Fish & Game Code 753.5).

Environmental Finding:

*NOTE: Findings for Environmental Impact Reports will be prepared as a separate document following the public hearing on the project.

Determination appealed--see attached sheet.

HAZARDS - 1. Geotechnical

SI	ETTIN		PACTS	
a.	Yes ⊠	No	Maybe	Is the project site located in an active or potentially active fault zone, Seismic Hazards Zone, or Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone? <u>Holser Fault (LA Co GP Safety Element - Plate 1); Liquefaction (Seismic Hazard Zones Map - Val Verde Quad).</u>
b.	\boxtimes			Is the project site located in an area containing a major landslide(s)? <u>Shallow surficial landslides (LA Co GP Safety Element - Plate 5).</u>
c.			\boxtimes	Is the project site located in an area having high slope instability?
				Project site contains hillside areas.
d.	\boxtimes			Is the project site subject to high subsidence, high groundwater level, liquefaction, or hydrocompaction? <u>Holser Fault (LA Co GP Safety Element - Plate 1); Liquefaction (Seismic Hazard Zones Map - Val Verde Quad).</u>
e.				Is the proposed project considered a sensitive use (school, hospital, public assembly site) located in close proximity to a significant geotechnical hazard?
f.	\boxtimes			Will the project entail substantial grading and/or alteration of topography including slopes of more than 25%? 3.4 million cubic yards of grading proposed.
g.				Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
h.				Other factors?
ST	AND/	ARD C	ODE I	REQUIREMENTS
\boxtimes	Buildi	ing Or	dinanc	e No. 2225 C Sections 308B, 309, 310 and 311 and Chapters 29 and 70.
\boxtimes	MITIC	SATIO	N ME	ASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
	Lot Si	ize		☐ Project Design ☐ Approval of Geotechnical Report by DPW
co	NCLU	JSION	J	
Cor ce i	nsider mpac	ing the	e abov /, geot	e information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or echnical factors?
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HAZARDS - 2. Flood

SETTING/IMPA	ACTS	
Yes No M a. ⊠ □	∕laybe □	Is a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a dashed line, located on the project site?
		Tributary of Hasley Canyon runs through project site from a west to northeast direction.
b. 🛛 🗌		Is the project site located within or does it contain a floodway, floodplain, or designated flood hazard zone? Portion of project site in designated waterway.
с. 🔲 🔲	\boxtimes	Is the project site located in or subject to high mudflow conditions?
		Hillside slopes unstable.
d. 🗆 🗎		Could the project contribute or be subject to high erosion and debris deposition from run off?
		Potential erosion problems due to grading.
e. 🛛 🗌		Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area?
		Topography to be reconfigured.
f. 🔲 🔲		Other factors (e.g., dam failure)?
STANDARD CO	DDE R	REQUIREMENTS
<u></u>		e No. 2225 C Section 308A
MITIGATION	I MEA	SURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
Lot Size		Project Design
Soils report is req	uired.	
CONCLUSION		
		e information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, od (hydrological) factors?
⊠ Potentially sig	gnifica	nt

HAZARDS - 3. Fire

SETTING/IMPACTS Yes No Maybe \boxtimes Is the project site located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (Fire Zone 4)? Fire Zone 4 (LA Co GP Safety Element - Plate 7). M Is the project site in a high fire hazard area and served by inadequate access due to lengths, widths, surface materials, turnarounds or grade? No infrastructure currently in place. \boxtimes Does the project site have more than 75 dwelling units on a single access in a high fire hazard area? 111 units proposed. \boxtimes Is the project site located in an area having inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow standards? Site is located within an area of limited groundwater supply and water may not be available during periods of severe drought; no public water services currently available. M Is the project site located in close proximity to potential dangerous fire hazard conditions/uses (such as refineries, flammables, explosives manufacturing)? Five petroleum extraction sites currently exist on-site and will remain. f. \boxtimes П Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard? Other factors? STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS □ Fuel Modification/Landscape Plan ■ MITIGATION MEASURES / ■ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ☐ Project Design Compatible Use CONCLUSION Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by fire hazard factors? Potentially significant Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact

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HAZARDS - 4. Noise

SETTING/IMPACTS Yes No Maybe \boxtimes Is the project site located near a high noise source (airports, railroads, freeways, industry)? \boxtimes Is the proposed use considered sensitive (school, hospital, senior citizen facility) or are there other sensitive uses in close proximity? \boxtimes Could the project substantially increase ambient noise levels including those associated with special equipment (such as amplified sound systems) or parking areas associated with the project? Potential development of the site under proposed zoning and land use categories would have the potential to substantially increase ambient noise levels. \boxtimes Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels without the project? 3.4 million cubic yards of grading proposed. Other factors? STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS Noise Ordinance No. 11,778 ☐ Building Ordinance No. 2225--Chapter 35 ☐ Lot Size Project Design Compatible Use Noise analysis is required. CONCLUSION Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be adversely impacted by noise?

Potentially significant Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 1. Water Quality

SE			PACTS	
a.	Yes	No ⊠	Maybe	Is the project site located in an area having known water quality problems and proposing the use of individual water wells?
b.		\boxtimes		Will the proposed project require the use of a private sewage disposal system?
				If the answer is yes, is the project site located in an area having known septic tank limitations due to high groundwater or other geotechnical limitations <i>or</i> is the project proposing on-site systems located in close proximity to a drainage course?
C.	\boxtimes			Could the project's associated construction activities significantly impact the quality of groundwater and/or storm water runoff to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving water bodies?
d.				3.4 million cubic yards of grading proposed. Could the project's post-development activities potentially degrade the quality of storm water runoff and/or could post-development non-storm water discharges contribute potential pollutants to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving bodies?
				Urban run-off.
e.				Other factors?
				REQUIREMENTS
	Indus	trial W	/aste P	ermit
Ш	Pluml	oing C	ode O	rdinance No. 2269 NPDES Permit Compliance (DPW)
	MITIG	ATIO	N MEA	SURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
	Lot Si	ze		Project Design
CO	NCLU	ISION	I	
on,	or be	impa	e above cted by significa	e information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) water quality problems? Int Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impac

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RESOURCES - 2. Air Quality

SI			PACTS	
a.	Yes ⊠	No	Maybe	Will the project increase local emissions to a significant extent due to increased traffic congestion or use of a parking structure, or exceed AQMD thresholds of potential significance?
				Quantity of grading will exceed AQMD thresholds during construction.
b.			\boxtimes	Is the proposal considered a sensitive use (schools, hospitals, parks) and located near a freeway or heavy industrial use?
				Residential uses are proposed adjacent to oil extraction equipment.
C.			\boxtimes	Will the project generate or is the site in close proximity to sources which create obnoxious odors, dust, and/or hazardous emissions?
				Portion of the site is within the Hasley Canyon oil field.
d.	\boxtimes			Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?
				Land use density would significantly increase under proposed zoning and land use categories.
e.	\boxtimes			Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? <u>Pollution would increase as a result of proposed road construction and subsequent development under proposed zoning and land use categories which are not accommodated in current AQMP.</u>
f.				Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? Other large scale residential and industrial projects pending in the immediate vicinity.
g.				Other factors:
				REQUIREMENTS
			•	Code Section 40506
				ASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
	Proje	ct Des	sign	⊠ Air Quality Report
Cor	nsider	JSION ing the	e above	e information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on,
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RESOURCES - 3. Biota SETTING/IMPACTS Yes No Maybe a. \square Is the project site located within a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), SEA Buffer, or coastal Sensitive Environmental Resource (ESHA, etc.), or is the site relatively undisturbed and natural? Project site is relatively undisturbed. 冈 Will grading, fire clearance, or flood related improvements remove substantial natural habitat areas? Grading of 3.4 million cubic yards will affect habitat areas along Hasley Canyon. M Is a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a blue, dashed line, located on the project site? Unnamed tributary to Hasley Canyon. X Does the project site contain a major riparian or other sensitive habitat (e.g., coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, sycamore riparian woodland, wetland, etc.)? Coastal sage scrub, Valley Oak savanna. M Does the project site contain oak or other unique native trees (specify kinds of trees)? Oaks f. \bowtie Is the project site habitat for any known sensitive species (federal or state listed endangered, etc.)? San Fernando Valley Spineflower (Chorizanthe parryi var. fernandina), Slender-horned Spineflower (Dodecathema leptoceras), and Slender Mariposa Lily (Calochortus clayatus yar, gracilis). g. Other factors (e.g., wildlife corridor, adjacent open space linkage)? Lot Size ☐ Project Design Oak Tree Permit ☐ ERB/SEATAC Review Biological Analysis is required.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **biotic resources**?

Potentially significant

Less than significant with project mitigation

Less than significant/No impact

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RESOURCES - 4. Archaeological / Historical / Paleontological

SETTING/IMPACTS Yes No Maybe a. M Is the project site in or near an area containing known archaeological resources or containing features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees) which indicate potential archaeological sensitivity? Oaks and tributary drainage course. \boxtimes Does the project site contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources? X \Box Does the project site contain known historic structures or sites? Project site is used for oil extraction. \boxtimes Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in 15064.5? \boxtimes Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? f. 冈 Other factors? *Project site is relatively undisturbed.* ■ MITIGATION MEASURES / ■ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ☐ Lot Size Project Design Phase I Archaeology Report CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **archaeological**, **historical**, or **paleontological** resources?

□ Potentially significant	Less than significant with project mitigation	Less than significant/No impact
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RESOURCES - 5. Mineral Resources

SETTING/IMPACTS					
Yes No Ma a.	ybe ☑ Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				
	Portion of the project site is within the Hasley Canyon Oil Field.				
b. 🔲 🔯 [Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource discovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				
c. 🔲 📗	Other factors?				
MITIGATION	MEASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS				
☐ Lot Size	☐ Project Design				
CONCLUSION					
Considering the about on mineral resour	ove information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) ces?				
□ Potentially sign	ificant				

RESOURCES - 6. Agriculture Resources

SETTING/IMPACTS Yes No Maybe a. \boxtimes Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? \boxtimes Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? \boxtimes Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use? Other factors? ■ MITIGATION MEASURES / ■ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ☐ Lot Size Project Design CONCLUSION Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on agriculture resources?

Potentially significant

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Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 7. Visual Qualities

SI	ETTIN	IG/IM	PACTS	
a.	Yes	No M	Maybe	Is the project site substantially visible from or will it obstruct views along a scenic highway (as shown on the Scenic Highway Element), or is it located within a scenic corridor or will it otherwise impact the viewshed?
b.	\boxtimes			Is the project substantially visible from or will it obstruct views from a regional riding or hiking trail?
				Hasley Canyon Trail.
C.			\boxtimes	Is the project site located in an undeveloped or undisturbed area, which contains unique aesthetic features?
				Project site is relatively undisturbed and surrounded by vacant land with unique rocky hillsides.
d.				Is the proposed use out-of-character in comparison to adjacent uses because of height, bulk, or other features?
e.				Is the project likely to create substantial sun shadow, light or glare problems? Potential glare and night lighting issues from the proposed industrial development for the
f.	\boxtimes			adjacent residential community. Other factors (e.g., grading or land form alteration): 3.4 million cubic yards of grading will significantly alter the land form.
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Cor on s	nsider s ceni	ing th c qua	e above lities?	e information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively)
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SERVICES - 1. Traffic/Access

SE			PACTS	
a.	Yes ⊠		Maybe	Does the project contain 25 dwelling units, or more and is it located in an area with known congestion problems (roadway or intersections)?
				111 units are proposed.
b.		\boxtimes		Will the project result in any hazardous traffic conditions?
C.		\boxtimes		Will the project result in parking problems with a subsequent impact on traffic conditions?
d.		\boxtimes		Will inadequate access during an emergency (other than fire hazards) result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area?
e.	M			Will the congestion management program (CMP) Transportation Impact Analysis thresholds of 50 peak hour vehicles added by project traffic to a CMP highway system intersection or 150 peak hour trips added by project traffic to a mainline freeway link be exceeded?
				Exceed CMP thresholds; Golden State Freeway is a CMP highway.
f.		\boxtimes		Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?
g.				Other factors? <u>Several large scale industrial projects approved or pending in the vicinity. Project may have cumulative significant impacts on traffic.</u>
\boxtimes	MITIC	SATIC	N MEA	ASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
	Proje	ct Des	sign	☐ Traffic Report ☐ Consultation with Traffic & Lighting Division
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Cor on t	isider he ph	ing th rysica	e above I enviro	e information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) nment due to traffic/access factors?
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SERVICES - 2. Sewage Disposal

SETTING/IMPACTS							
Yes No Maybe a. If served by a community sewage system, could the project create capacity pro at the treatment plant?	blems						
Proposed project may exceed capacity of Sanitation District No. 32.							
b. \square Could the project create capacity problems in the sewer lines serving the project	t site?						
No sewer infrastructure in place.							
c. Other factors?							
STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS							
Sanitary Sewers and Industrial Waste Ordinance No. 6130							
☐ Plumbing Code Ordinance No. 2269							
☑ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☐ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS							
Analysis of project's impacts on sewage disposal facilities should be conducted based on maximum land use do (i.e., commercial square footage and number of residential units) allowed under the proposed zones and lan categories.	ensity ed use						
CONCLUSION							
Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulation the physical environment due to sewage disposal facilities?	ively)						
Potentially significant	lo impact						

SERVICES - 3. Education

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS						
a.	Yes ⊠	No	Maybe	Could the project create capacity problems at the district level?			
				William S. Hart High School District and Castaic Union School District are currently operating over capacity.			
b.				Could the project create capacity problems at individual schools which will serve the project site? <u>Individual schools serving the tract are not identified.</u> Both interim and long-term impacts need to be analyzed and mitigated.			
c.			\boxtimes	Could the project create student transportation problems?			
				School bus service not known; high school is distant from project site.			
d.				Could the project create substantial library impacts due to increased population and demand?			
e.				Other factors?			
\boxtimes	MITIC	ATIO	N ME <i>A</i>	ASURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS			
	Site D	edica	tion	☐ Government Code Section 65995 ☐ Library Facilities Mitigation Fee			
Analysis on project's impacts on educational facilities should be conducted based on maximum land use density (i.e., number of residential units) allowed under the proposed zones and land use categories.							
CO	CONCLUSION						
Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to educational facilities/services?							
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SERVICES - 4. Fire/Sheriff Services

SETTING/IMPACTS Yes No Maybe \boxtimes Could the project create staffing or response time problems at the fire station or sheriff's substation serving the project site? Although a future fire station is to be built within the Valencia Commerce Center on Hasley Canyon Road, it is uncertain that the station will be completed and in operation prior to the development of this residential proposal. Currently, the closest existing fire station is Fire Station 76 located approximately 3 miles away at 27223 Henry Mayo Drive. The nearest Sheriff's station is 4.3 miles away at 23740 Magic Mountain Parkway. X Are there any special fire or law enforcement problems associated with the project or the general area? Other factors? ■ MITIGATION MEASURES / ■ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ☐ Fire Mitigation Fees Analysis on project's impacts on fire/Sheriff's services should be conducted based on maximum land use density (i.e., commercial square footage and number of residential units) allowed under the proposed zones and land use categories. CONCLUSION Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to fire/sheriff services? Potentially significant Less than significant with project mitigation Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - <u>5. Utilities/Other Services</u>

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS					
a.	Yes	No	Maybe	Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate public water supply to meet domestic needs or to have an inadequate ground water supply and proposes water wells?		
				Water to be provided by the LA County Waterworks District #36.		
b.	\boxtimes			Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate water supply and/or pressure to meet fire fighting needs?		
				No existing water infrastructure.		
C.			\boxtimes	Could the project create problems with providing utility services, such as electricity, gas, or propane?		
				Will-serve letters from all utility companies servicing the project site have yet to be provided.		
d.	П		\boxtimes	Are there any other known service problem areas (e.g., solid waste)?		
				Landfill capacity Countywide may not be sufficient.		
e.				Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services or facilities (e.g., fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, roads)?		
f.				Other factors?		
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				rdinance No. 2269		
		_		SURES / OTHER CONSIDERATIONS		
	Lot Si	ze		⊠ Water Analysis		
<u>i.e.</u>	, com	<u>nercia</u>	ıl square	pacts on utilities/other urban services should be conducted based on maximum land use density of footage and number of residential units) allowed under the proposed zones and land use ce will be served by Waterworks District No. 36.		
co	NCLU	ISION	i			
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OTHER FACTORS - 1. General

SE	TTIN	G/IM	PACTS	
a.	Yes	No ⊠	Maybe	Will the project result in an inefficient use of energy resources?
b.			\boxtimes	Will the project result in a major change in the patterns, scale, or character of the general area or community?
				Change in road circulation could disrupt local communities.
C.		\boxtimes		Will the project result in a significant reduction in the amount of agricultural land?
d.				Other factors?
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ons	ICLU siderii ie phy	ng the	e above	information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) nment due to any of the above factors?
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OTHER FACTORS - 2. Environmental Safety

SETTING/IMPACTS

a.	Yes	No ⊠	Maybe	Are any hazardous materials used, transported, produced, handled, or stored on-site?
b.				Are any pressurized tanks to be used or any hazardous wastes stored on-site?
C.	☒			Are any residential units, schools, or hospitals located within 500 feet and potentially adversely affected?
				The Val Verde community is immediately adjacent to the project site.
d.	\boxtimes			Have there been previous uses that indicate residual soil toxicity of the site or is the site located within two miles downstream of a known groundwater contamination source within the same watershed?
				Project site contains a portion of the Hasley Canyon oil field.
e.		\boxtimes		Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment involving the accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment?
f.		\boxtimes		Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
g.				Would the project be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or environment?
h.			i	Would the project result in a safety hazard for people in a project area located within an airport land use plan, within two miles of a public or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip?
1.		\boxtimes		Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
j.				Other factors?
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	NCLU nsider			e information, could the project have a significant impact relative to public safety ?
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OTHER FACTORS - 3. Land Use

SETTING/IMPACTS							
a.	Yes ⊠	No	Maybe	Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the plan designation(s) of the subject property?			
b.	\boxtimes			Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the zoning designation of the subject property?			
				Zone Change request from A-2-2 to A-1-1.			
C.				Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the following applicable land use criteria:			
	\boxtimes			Hillside Management Criteria? Development inconsistent with current Hillside Management Area.			
		\boxtimes		SEA Conformance Criteria?			
				Other?			
d.		\boxtimes		Would the project physically divide an established community?			
e.				Other factors?			
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Con	sider		e above	e information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on ent due to land use factors?			
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OTHER FACTORS - <u>4. Population/Housing/Employment/Recreation</u>

SE	SETTING/IMPACTS							
a.	Yes	No ⊠	Maybe	Could the project cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?				
b.			\boxtimes	Could the project induce substantial direct or indirect growth in an area (e.g., through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?				
				Project is proposed on undeveloped land. New infrastructure is required.				
c.		\boxtimes		Could the project displace existing housing, especially affordable housing?				
d.		\boxtimes		Could the project result in a substantial job/housing imbalance or substantial increase in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)?				
e.			\boxtimes	Could the project require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents?				
				Proposed development may require need for recreational facilities.				
f.		\boxtimes		Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
g.				Other factors?				
☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ⊠ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS								
	CONCLUSION							
or he	Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on he physical environment due to population, housing, employment , or recreational factors?							
				int 🗵 Less than significant with project mitigation 🔲 Less than significant/No impact				

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made:

a.	Yes	No	Maybe	Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? Biota.				
b.				Does the project have possible environmental effects which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.				
				Traffic, Water Quality, Biota.				
C.				Will the environmental effects of the project cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? <u>Air Quality, Water Quality.</u>				
СО	CONCLUSION							
Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the environment?								
☑ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☐ Less than significant/No impact								